

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Gamma Alpha Chapter of Beta Theta Pi, a men's fraternity at The University of South Dakota in Vermillion, South Dakota, observes its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its existence at the University; and,

*Whereas*, Gamma Alpha Chapter of Beta Theta Pi has contributed many men to business, professional, educational, legal, and governmental areas of South Dakota and made a highly significant contribution to the growth and development of South Dakota since 1912; and,

*Whereas*, Gamma Alpha Chapter of Beta Theta Pi has provided some of the highest officials in the Government of South Dakota including a Governor, Attorney General, and numerous other state officials and members of the South Dakota Legislature and provided numerous political leaders in both political parties; and,

*Whereas*, Gamma Alpha Chapter of Beta Theta Pi has provided numerous athletes in football, basketball, and other major sports including the first "Little All-American" in football from South Dakota and provided one member to a National Football League championship team; and,

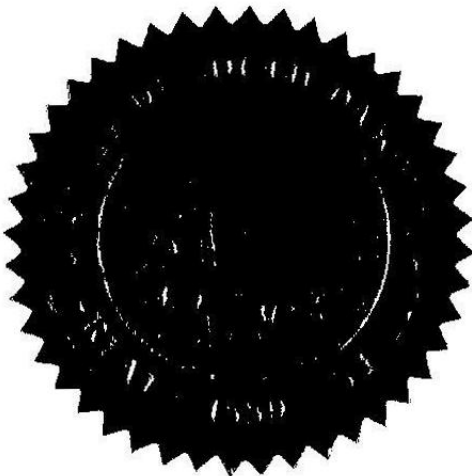
*Whereas*, Gamma Alpha Chapter of Beta Theta Pi has constituted one of the large, active and successful fraternities on the campus of The University of South Dakota and made highly significant contributions to the student body and its activities; and,

*Whereas*, Gamma Alpha Chapter of Beta Theta Pi will observe its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Vermillion, South Dakota, at a banquet on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012, and will include the General Secretary and the Administrative Secretary of the General Fraternity, other distinguished guests, and many graduates from many areas of the United States who will return for the occasion to commemorate this milestone in history:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2012, as

## **BETA THETA PI DAY**

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State